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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF KOREAN AIR LINES PILOT AND NAVIGATOR

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1. TO THE OBVIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE PRESS GATHERED AT COPENHAGEN AIRPORT AT THE INVITATION OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY, THE KOREAN PILOT AND NAVIGATOR REFUSED TO ANSWER SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT RESULTING IN THEIR FORCED LANDING AND SUBSEQUENT DETENTION BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

2. A KOREAN AIR LINES OFFICIAL TRANSLATED THROUGHTOUT THE 40 MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PILOT AND NAVIGATOR WHO WOULD NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE NON-KOREAN REPORTERS.

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3. IN THE SINGLE SIGNIFICANT REVELATION OF THE CONFERENCE, THE PILOT CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS RETAINED THE DOWNED PLANE'S BLACK BOX AND VOICE RECORDER.

4. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE TASS REPORT OUTLINING THE STATEMENT HE HAD SIGNED PRIOR TO HIS RELEASE, THE PILOT DECLINED TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENT.

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5. COMMENT: THE REPORTERS WERE CLEARLY SUSPICIOUS THAT THE PILOT AND NAVIGATOR WERE UNWILLING TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH ALTHOUGH IT WAS KNOWN THAT BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH. SOME OF THE REPORTERS INDICATED THAT THEY FELT THAT CONSULTATION WAS PART OF THE TRANSLATION PROCESS. ONE MUST QUESTION THE PURPOSE OF THE ENTIRE EXERCISE WHICH SERVED ONLY TO EXACERBATE ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAD COME A LONG WAY TO COVER THIS NON-EVENT AND FIND THAT THE KOREANS WEREN'T SAYING ANYTHING AT ALL. EMBASSY OFFICERS TAPED ENTIRE CONFERENCE. END COMMENT.

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